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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN RUBBER EXCHANGE OFFICIALS TO VISIT
U.S., INCLUDING WASHINGTON D.C.

1. MALAYSIA RUBBER EXCHANGE AND LICENSING BOARD TEAM, HEADED BY MRELB CHAIRMAN LEW SIP HON (WHO IS ALSO PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO MINISTRY PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND SENATOR) WILL VISIT U.S., INCLUDING WASH., D.C., FROM OCTOBER 5 TO OCTOBER 28.
2. TEAM WILL ENTER AT SAN FRANCISCO ON OCTOBER 5 AT 1010 VIA JL 002 FROM TOKYO. AFTER VISIT TO S.F. CORN EXCHANGE AND PORT OF SACRAMENTO, TEAM WILL PROCEED TO CHICAGO OCTOBER 7 FOR MEETINGS WITH BOARD OF TRADE AND MERCANTILE EXCHANGE, PROCEEDING TO AKRON OCTOBER 10 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH MAJOR TIRE MANUFACTURERS.
3. TEAM ARRIVING WASHINGTON, D.C. MORNING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 (FLIGHT NOT YET KNOWN). LEW DIP HON SAYS THAT MALAYSIAN EMBASSY ARRANGING CALLS AFTERNOON OF 14TH ON MR.A.C. HEWITT, DIRECTOR, EB/ORF/ICD AND ON MR. R. HUMBERT, OFFICE OF IMPORT PROGRAM, DEPT. OF COMMERCE. ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 15, HE WILL CALL ON MR. MARK POWERS, CHIEF ECONOMIST, COMMODITIES FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION. WHILE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE THESE CALLS RELATES TO MRELB INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING CENTRAL CLEARING HOUSE FOR COMMODITIES

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IN MALAYSIA AND DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE'S TRADING, LEW DIP HON

ALSO CENTRAL FIGURE IN EVOLVING INTERNATIONAL RUBBER PRICE
STABILIZATION SCHEME.

WE BELIEVE IT USEFUL FOR LEW SIP HON TO ALSO MEET JOINTLY
WITH EB, EA, EA/P AND EA/IMS FOR FIRSTHAND REPORT ON CURRENT
DIRECTION AND FORM OF RUBBER STABILIZATION SCHEME
AS FOLLOWUP TO MINISTER MUSA HITAM'S EARLIER CALL ON EB ASSISTANT
SECRETARY SAME SUBJECT. LEW SIP HON HAS EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS
TO DO SO IF IT DESIRED.

4. TEAM WILL DEPART WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 17 TO NY,
CONNECTICUT, AND CANADA, RE-ENTERING U.S. BY SURFACE AT SEATTLE
FROM VANCOUVER ON OCT 25. TEAM WILL DEPART U.S. FROM HONOLULU
ON OCTOBER 28 FOR TOKYO.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE SAN FRANCISCO RECEPTION
CENTER FACILITATING ENTRY OF LEW SIP HON AND TEAM. DEPARTMENT
PLEASE ADVISE RE SUGGESTED MEETING ON RUBBER PRICE STABILIZATION
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